

REMARKS

Claims 14-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 14, 18 and 21 are amended. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Pokrzywa and Nguyen in the March 5 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. THE CLAIMS SATISFY ALL FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office Action objects to claim 18 based on informalities. In response, claim 18 is amended to properly depend from claim 14. Withdrawal of the claim objection is respectfully requested.

II. THE CLAIMS DEFINE PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action rejects claims 14-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,023,700 to Owens et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,182,118 to Finney et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Owens et al. does not teach, disclose or suggest "forming an image based on electronic mail data selected by the data selecting means, wherein the internet facsimile device displays the received electronic mail title, and wherein the image forming means forms an image based on the electronic mail data which has been determined to have a high priority, whereby the internet facsimile device prints the image formed by the image forming means," as recited in claim 14, and as similarly recited in claim 21.

Instead, in Owens et al., the electronic mail service 10 is not an internet facsimile device. The electronic mail server 10 does not even have a printing means. Rather, Owens et

al. discloses that the message is converted into message and stored in the mailbox 40 (col. 5, lines 19-57), but does not disclose anything about priority or printing.

Finney et al. does not make up for these deficiencies. Instead, Finney et al. discloses a distributor 18 functioning as a server on a network operating in accordance with specified rules. Finney et al. does not suggest that the distributor 18 prints out messages designated to users.

Even if combined, Owens et al. and Finney et al. do not result in the claimed features as recited above. Owens et al. and Finney et al. do not relate to any subject matter regarding an internet facsimile device of a receiving party capable of the above recited claim features.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 14 and 21 are patentable over the applied references. The dependent claims are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons discussed as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C §103 be withdrawn.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 14-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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APPENDIX

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Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

14. (Three Times Amended) An internet facsimile device of a receiving party, comprising:

first receiving means for receiving by the internet facsimile device via an internet at least one set of electronic mail data attached with an electronic mail title;

title reading means for reading the electronic mail title;

title displaying means for displaying the electronic mail title that has been received along with the electronic mail data;

data selecting means for selecting electronic mail data from the at least one set of the electronic mail data based on the electronic mail title;

priority determining means for determining whether or not each one of the at least one set of electronic mail data has a high priority based on a corresponding electronic mail title; and

image forming means for forming an image based on electronic mail data selected by the data selecting means, wherein the internet facsimile device displays the received electronic mail title, and wherein the image forming means forms an image based on the electronic mail data which has been determined to have a high priority, whereby the internet facsimile device prints the image formed by the image forming means.

18. (Amended) The internet facsimile device according to claim ~~17~~ 14, further comprising notifying means for notifying a user when the image forming means forms an image based on the electronic mail data which has been determined to have a high priority.

21. (Three Times Amended) A method of controlling an internet facsimile device of a receiving party, comprising the steps of:

receiving electronic mail attached with a header by the internet facsimile device from a remote internet facsimile device, the header including a title;

reading the title from the header;

displaying the title that has been received along with the electronic mail data;

determining whether or not the electronic mail has a high priority based on a corresponding electronic mail title; and

forming an image based on the electronic mail which has been determined to have a high priority, wherein the internet facsimile device displays the received electronic mail title and prints the image formed based on the electronic mail which has been determined to have a high priority.